

AMERICAN AND BRITISH SCHOOLS

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course. Instruction is given in piano, violin, viola, cello, voice, ensemble, \$73
theory of music, solfeggio, harmony, history of music, and musical forms. Although the normal duration of the regular course covers six years (two years for each stage), advancement depends upon proficiency and may be more or less rapid. Graduates receive either a certificate or a diploma; the certificate is awarded for satisfactorily meeting the standard requirements of the curriculum, the diploma for satisfying the following requirements in addition: (1) giving an instrumental recital; (2) playing in ensemble; (3) completing specified required courses; and (4) giving a specific performance, the exact type depending upon the instrument used.

The Institute of Rural Life.—In addition to its regular schools and courses, the University maintains an Institute of Rural Life in conjunction with the Near East Foundation, an organization which succeeded the Near East Relief after 1928. The work includes teaching improved agricultural methods to school children and farmers in five villages in the Beqaa, health work among the farmers, work with village girls, extension activities, and a program of scholarships. The Institute issues pamphlets on agricultural and health subjects, and a reader for illiterates written by a professor at the University has been in use for some time. Summer camps in the Beqaa region are held every year by volunteers from the faculty and students from the University. This provides experience for students in rural life and problems. The health service employs a full-time doctor and some nurses. The sociology and agricultural departments of the University have played an active role in conducting the Institute. Recently some scholarships have been offered to students from Iraq and Syria for study at the Sanitary Inspection Institute in Cyprus, and a nurse from Iraq was given a scholarship to study public health and home welfare in Jerusalem.

The University issues various series of research studies in archeology, Oriental studies, social science (including economics), the medical sciences, and natural sciences. It has a main library of about 50,000 volumes. There [17]
are branch libraries at the International College and the intermediate section. There are also the Nickoley Library in economics and political science, the extensive Islamic library, the philosophy seminar library, and the medical library, the latter comprising about 14,000 volumes, of which more than 9,000 are bound volumes of medical journals. The medical library subscribes to 218 different journals.

The University has a museum with sections of archeology, geology, botany (including an extensive herbarium), and zoology.